

STATUS LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-38 (canceled)

39. (previously presented) A method for inhibiting the loss of learning ability or increasing the learning ability of an aged companion pet in need of such treatment comprising feeding the pet a mixture of antioxidants at levels sufficient to accomplish the said inhibiting or increasing, the mixture of antioxidants comprising Vitamin E, Vitamin C and at least one antioxidant selected from the group consisting of alpha lipoic acid, L-carnitine and mixtures thereof.

Claims 40-43 (canceled)

44. (previously presented) The method in accordance with claim 39 wherein the aged companion pet is a canine and is fed a mixture of Vitamin E, Vitamin C, alpha lipoic acid, and L-carnitine.

45.(previously presented) The method in accordance with claim 39 wherein the aged companion pet is a feline and is fed a mixture of Vitamin E, Vitamin C, and L-carnitine.

46. (previously presented) The method in accordance with claim 44 wherein Vitamin E is fed to the canine in at least about 100 ppm, Vitamin C is fed to the canine in at least about 50 ppm, alpha lipoic acid is fed to the canine in at least about 25 ppm, and L-carnitine is fed to the canine in at least about 50 ppm, all levels measured by a diet fed to the canine.

47. (previously presented) The method in accordance with claim 45 wherein Vitamin E is fed to the feline in at least about 100 ppm, Vitamin C is fed to the feline in at least about 50 ppm and L-carnitine is fed to the feline in at least about 50 ppm, all levels as measured by a diet fed to the feline.